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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON LEVEL OF MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS (REF A). GDR EMBASSY HERE PRESENTED AMBITIOUS LIST OF APPOINTMENTS FOR BEIL, INCLUDING SECRETARY SIMON OF TREASURY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL.

2. DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY HAVE INFORMED GDR EMBASSY THAT APPROPRIATE MEETINGS AT TREASURY AND STATE SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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AT THE UNDER SECRETARY LEVEL. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT

MEETINGS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY OF TREASURY AND HARTMAN OF STATE WOULD BE USEFUL. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY OFFICIAL ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT, WE HAVE STRESSED THAT THERE IS GREAT INTEREST IN BEIL'S VISIT AND THAT USG OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH HIM.

3. ALTHOUGH FINAL PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON IS STILL UNDER PREPARATION, THE PRESENT PLANNING CALLS FOR BEIL TO MEET WITH UNDER SECRETARY BAKER AND OTHER COMMERCE OFFICIALS

THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 1. BEIL WILL MEET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN THE AFTERNOON. MEETINGS AT TREASURY WILL PROBABLY BE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2.

4. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE MEETINGS, GDR EMBASSY IS ALSO SEEKING TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH SEVERAL SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING SENATORS HUMPHREY AND MAGNUSSEN AND CONGRESSMEN REUSS AND STAGGERS.

5. WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PROGRAM AS THEY ARE WORKED OUT AND WILL SEND FINAL SCHEDULE ASAP. KISSINGER

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